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Senate

The Senate met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Honorable JON KYL, a Senator from the State of Arizona.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, we respond to the repeated biblical admonition to give You praise for the gift of life and to thank You for Your daily goodness, faithfulness, and grace in answer to our prayers for each other. You seek our gratitude because it turns all of life into a constant expression of love to You. All that we have and are is a gift from Your gracious care.

Today we thank You for the Senate family of friends. You not only have called the Senators to lead this Nation but to share with each other a deep friendship of mutual caring. In times of personal need and in times of special blessing, they stand together to encourage each other and rejoice with each other.

As we begin this new week, we are united in mutual thanksgiving. We praise You for the continued healing of Senator ARLEN SPECTER. Bless him and return him to work with Your strength.

And today, we join with Senator TRENT and Tricia Lott in delight in the birth of their grandson, Chester Trent Lott III, born Saturday evening to Chet and Diane Lott. Thank You, dear Father, for this wonderful child of promise.

Now we commit to You the work of this day. Draw us into deeper friendship with You and with each other. In the Name of our Lord and Savior. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will please read a com-

munication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The bill clerk read as follows:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 22, 1998.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JON KYL, a Senator from the State of Arizona, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. KYL thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Iowa.

SCHEDULE

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I will announce today's business. Today, the Senate will resume the defense authorization bill. It is hoped that Members will come to the floor to offer and debate amendments to the defense bill under short time agreements.

As ordered, at 3 o'clock, the Senate will begin 2 hours of debate on the nomination of Susan Mollway to be U.S. district judge. It is expected that the first vote of today's session will occur at 5 p.m. on the confirmation of that nomination.

As a reminder to all Members, a cloture motion was filed on Friday to the DOD bill. The cloture vote will occur tomorrow, Tuesday, June 23, at a time to be determined by the two leaders. Under rule XXII, Senators have until 1 p.m. today to file first-degree amendments. The cloture vote will not necessarily be the first vote of Tuesday's session, so Members may expect early

morning votes on amendments to the defense bill.

The majority leader would like to remind all Members that the Independence Day recess is fast approaching. The cooperation of all Members will be necessary for the Senate to complete work on many important items, including appropriations bills, the Higher Education Act, the Department of Defense authorization bill, the conference reports on the Coverdell education bill and the IRS reform bill, and any other legislative or executive items that may be cleared for action.

I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 2057, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2057) to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

Feinstein amendment No. 2405, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the Indian nuclear tests.

Brownback amendment No. 2407 (to amendment No. 2405), to repeal a restriction on the provision of certain assistance and other transfers to Pakistan.

Warner motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report back forthwith with all

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